

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Peregrino Ferreira et al.  
Serial No. (unknown)  
Filed herewith

METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR  
THE DIAGNOSIS OF EQUINE  
INFECTIOUS ANEMIA VIRUS  
DISEASE BY USING THE  
RECOMBINANT CAPSID PROTEIN  
VIRUS (P26)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

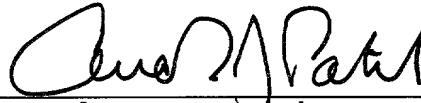
--The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S.  
application Serial No. 09/313,262, filed June 18, 1999,  
which was the National Stage of International application  
No. PCT/BR97/00081, filed December 19, 1997, which corre-  
sponds to Brazilian application Serial No. PI 9606273-8,  
filed December 18, 1996, the disclosure of which is  
incorporated herein by reference.--

PEREGRINO FERREIRA et al.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON

By



Andrew J. Patch  
Attorney for Applicants  
Customer No. 000466  
Registration No. 32,925  
745 South 23rd Street  
Arlington, VA 22202  
Telephone: 703/521-2297

January 16, 2001